

First Presbyterian Church



*13th Sunday After Pentecost
September 7, 2025*



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

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Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Kathy Larimer

Acolyte Recognition

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Adoniram J. Gordon

Arr. Robert J. Powell

We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

There is good and there is wicked in the world

Lord, help us find the good.

The wicked are perishing. Like chaff, they will not stand before the Lord.

Lord, drive wickedness away with the wind.

The good is like a tree, planted by streams of sweet water.

Lord, let goodness yield its fruit in every season.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

Let us meditate upon God's promises from morning into night.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

✠ Hymn No. 63

The Lord Is God

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Presentation of Bibles

Prayer of Illumination

Jeff Deitz

First Scripture

Philemon 1:1-21

(p. 215)

Second Scripture

Jeremiah 18:1-11

(p. 720)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Monday, September 8

6:00 p.m. Mission Team meeting

7:00 p.m. Worship Team

Tuesday, September 9

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 11

2:00 p.m. Food Bag Distribution

Sunday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have put a name on the prayer list that no longer needs to be on that list, please inform the office.

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on September 14th for the purpose of accepting a grant to enhance the engagement of children in corporate worship.

There will be a Blessing of the Pets on Friday, September 19th at 5:30pm at the Aharrah Pavilion. There will be hot dogs and ice cream. Bring your pet (s) or a picture of your pet (s). Let's enjoy a time of fellowship!



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Josh Deitz
All our homebound members

Mary Biser
Charlotte Hartman
Ben McKinley
Anthony Louder
Pat Hargest
Alexandra Sharrar
Mary Kay Arth
Mason Martin and family
Rob Summerville
Cori
Chuck Reninger
Kay Caller
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Kathy Meley
Shawn Martin
Clayton Hayden & family
John McConnell
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer
Terry Wensel
Kathy Lahr
Nina Faust Joslin
Mike Hiles
Alec Booth
Greg Nesbitt
Barb Funk
Brian Galbraith
Terry

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Denny Hickman
Elise Burns Pasles
Darlene
Sara Riggins
Ralph Williams
Jayden Siewicki
Jesse Siewicki
Logan Lutz
Lindsay Schmader
Sherrie Kapp
Bernice Yockey
Bill Burnworth

Bereaved: Remember the friends and family of:

Charles Cauvel
Jennifer Eaker
Dan Stitt
Evie Renwick
Marcella Seitz
Margy Port

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

Homebound Member
of the Week

Ellen Fulton
Clarion Health Care & Rehab
999 Heidrick St. Rm. 205
Clarion, Pa. 16214

Sermon

“An Offer You Can’t Refuse”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 695

Change My Heart, O God

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

4.123 The Heidelberg Catechism

Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Preserve your church and make it grow. Destroy the devil’s work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word. Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

The Potter’s Hand
(soloist) Bonnie Champion

Darlene Zschech

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn (Insert)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please remember at the close of the service, the Postlude is a time to silently reflect on God and the mission to which we are called. We ask that you please remain silent and seated until the music has ended.

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Offertory: “The Potter’s Hand” Darlene Zschech

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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to provide hybrid and virtual worship services for this Sunday. Services are currently livestreamed on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion) in real time, then archived to our website and YouTube channel.

At First Presbyterian Church our mission is to worship, grow, and serve as followers of Jesus. From our youngest to our oldest, we seek to worship God in our actions, grow in God's love, and serve God's people in our community and around the world. We hope that you will come join us so we may personally extend a warm welcome. If you have any questions or particular prayer needs, please feel free to contact the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at www.clarionfirstpresby.org or a phone app is available at sermon.net (look for First Presbyterian Church—Clarion.) You can also choose to listen to an audio version. Simply pick the option that works best for you. Videos of Sunday worship are also posted on our Facebook page (see above).

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CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor:	Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Organist:	Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music:	Bonnie Champion
Treasurer:	Ann Brooks
Secretary:	Cindy Kapp
Sexton:	Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer:	Josh Deitz
Video Engineer:	Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman	Bill Champion
Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas
Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Kim Lewis	Robin Cable	Barb Beggs
Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble	Stacy Hoffman
Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor:	Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector:	Kathy Larimer
Time with Children:	Lector
Director of Music:	Bonnie Champion
Organist:	Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer:	Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer:	Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes:	Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy, Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion
Ushers in Charge:	Tamalyn Goble, Jeff & Michelle Deitz

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Tammy Slike, by Pauline Henry.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

8/31/25

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,560.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$130.00
Total Contributions	\$1690.00

Weekly Donations

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$25.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Mission/School Supplies	\$40.00
Total	\$85.00
Total	\$1,775.00

Online Donations—August 2025

Offering Contributions of \$304.00

NOTES: